

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I'm appalled at the lack of intervention on the part of those who are trusted with the task of protecting our rights to access non-partisan information. I believe that the laws governing unbiased use of public airwaves is very clear on this point and that Sinclair has violated these laws in the most despicable way - forcing their hidden agenda on the unsuspecting to soon to be voting public.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please consider this a call to action and continue to protect the best interest of all citizens by wielding the very critical powers that you have to bring Sinclair into check for abusing their power over the airwaves.

Thank you.